

Johston family collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Johnston family collection
Date	1898-1957
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Norman and Bertha Johnston were the parents of at least one child, a son (Russell Johnston), and lived in Indianapolis in 1908.

Historical Note

In 1872, Lyman Ayres (1824-1896), a merchant in Geneva, New York, accepted a controlling interest in N.R. Smith and Company, which was located in the Trade Palace in Indianapolis. Two years later, he moved to Indianapolis and assumed personal management of the company, changing its name to L.S. Ayres and Company in 1875. Fredrec M. Ayres (1876-1940) became president of L.S. Ayres and Company on the death of his father in 1896. Two new buildings were erected, 1 West Washington Street in 1905 and, south of that location, a second building in 1928 and 1929. Lymen S Ayres, a grandson of the founder, was named president of L.S. Ayres and Company in 1954 and a chairman in 1962.

Scope and Contents

The collection is divided between items relating to L.S. Ayres and Company and items relating to the Johnston family (1898-1908). The materials relating to the Johnston family (1876-1908) includes a pocket edition of the New Testament (distributed by The Pocket Testament League of Philadelphia), a Cradle Roll certificate from the Sixth Presbyterian Sunday School of Indianapolis, one medal, two pins, and two commemorative crosses. The medal and the crosses commemorate service in the Spanish War. A small Christmas card might or might not be part of the Johnston material.

The material relating to L.S. Ayres and Company includes a December 1956 (a Christmas) issues or Ayrograms, a store publication with news of L.S. Ayres personnel, and the centennial history of L.S. Ayres, We Tell Our Story, published in 1957.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and EAD finding aid completed 2016/01/11 by Patrick Ridout.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- L. S. Ayers and Company.

- Sixth Presbyterian Sunday School (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Family Name(s)

- Johnston family

Subject(s)

- American business history
- Christmas cards
- Family history
- Medals
- Pocket bibles
- Spanish-American War, 1898